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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages 1-6, 9-25 as originally filed/furnished
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the claims:

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the drawings:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-23</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention focuses on the problem of how to provide a safe and reliable way of handling identities of users between different domains. This is achieved by way of introducing an Identity Generator device comprising a decomposer component, the use of which makes a users service indicator opaque outside the identity generator device.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO03/050743 a
D2: US2003/0093681 A1

D1 refers to a system and a method for providing content services to mobile devices while ensuring user privacy. Upon receiving a request for a content from an affiliated content provider a proxy server generates a provider-specific identifier (subnym) from a subscriber identifier (corresponding to the UID) and a service ID (corresponding to the SID). The subnym is attached to a HTTP request. The HTTP request is then, together with the appended subnym, forwarded to an affiliated content provider where the appended subnym is used to determine the identity of the user (See page 3, line 17-31; page 10, line 22-26; page 13, line 8-27; page 14, line 26-page 15, line 21; page 16, line 4-16; page 21, line 8-15; page 22, line 7-27).

An alternative solution is also known from D2. Also this document describes use of symmetric ciphering in accordance with what is suggested in the claimed invention (see paragraph [0026] - [0028]; [0034] - [0035]; [0041]; [0044-0047].

The subject-matter of claim 1 and 11 differs from both D1 and

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D2 in that the identity generator device of claim 1 and 11 comprises a decomposer which is arranged so that the user service indicator is opaque outside the identity generator device.

The subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 11 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

As a consequence also the dependent claims 2-10 and 12-23 are novel.